



## Program Summary

Ukraine's program is focused on reducing corruption in the public sector through civil society monitoring and advocacy, judicial reform, increased government monitoring and enforcement of ethical and administrative standards, streamlining and enforcing regulations, and higher education testing.

## Program Highlights

- The Ministry of Education and Science submitted Conditions for Admission to the Ministry of Justice for registration. As soon as these are registered by the Ministry of Justice, matriculating university students will be required to take external exams in core subjects (there will be 11 subjects tested), and institutions of higher education will be required to accept those test results. Also, an ambitious series of "town hall" meetings have been held to inform students, teachers, and parents about external testing, registration procedures, and their rights regarding university admissions. To date, meetings have been held in 6 oblasts, informing over 1,000 people.
- An administrative law bench book was published and over 3,000 copies were distributed, including to core resource libraries at the administrative courts which the threshold program helped to establish.
- The High Qualifications Commission of the judiciary approved proposed regulatory changes to allow for merit-based selection of judges, paving the way for a more transparent and independent judiciary. Draft guidelines and forms for a new model of judicial discipline to streamline the disciplinary process and make it more accessible to litigants is under development.
- A new notary law was drafted and registered with parliament, and a manual on notary procedures was drafted and will be provided to interested parties in the legal system soon. Reform of the procedures and practices to improve the enforcement of court judgments is underway, with key stakeholders meeting regularly to propose amendments to current practice.
- Amendments are being drafted to finalize the creation of an internal inspection unit at the State Border Guard Service. Once a model unit is established at the State Border Guard Service, the Government of Ukraine intends to expand this concept to six additional government entities during the threshold program.
- Ten quantitative surveys on higher education, regulatory reform, and judicial reform were completed in 2007 involving 6,500 stakeholders. The first national "Best Investigative Journalism" competition was held in late 2007, with 462 submissions resulting in 82 prizes in 25 regions. These activities and an informational campaign on survey directly exposed over 12 million Ukrainians to corruption data via radio and television programs, internet, distribution of informational materials and NGO events.

### Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 1

### Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$45 million

Agreement Signed.....May 22, 2006

### Country Information

Population.....47,110,920\*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$1520\*